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To bee or not to bee, that is the question

STUDY A frightening buzz over the imminent demise of honeybees is unfounded, says a new Canadian-led study which appeared online Thursday in the journal Current Biology. The study shows their global numbers actually growing.

University of Calgary biologist Lawrence Harder, who led the worldwide survey of bee populations, noted, " … the declines in the U.S.A., some European countries and the former U.S.S.R. are more than offset by large increases elsewhere, including Canada, Argentina, Spain and especially China."

A top University of Guelph bee specialist, Ernesto Guzman, took issue with the study's assessment, saying it misses the key loss years and fails to distinguish where colony decimations are taking place. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Shooting Ottawa's third murder of '09

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A 26-year-old man was shot dead in the ByWard Market Thursday in the city's second murder in three days.

Police are now calling the shooting death of Mohamed Jama Ali the city's third homicide of 2009.

At 1:13 a.m., police were called to 56 ByWard Market Square, where two men were shot.

"It was a bit chaotic," said Ottawa paramedic spokesman J.P. Trottier, who said there were about 100 people there.

Paramedics found a 26-year-old with a gunshot wound to the abdomen, said Trottier.

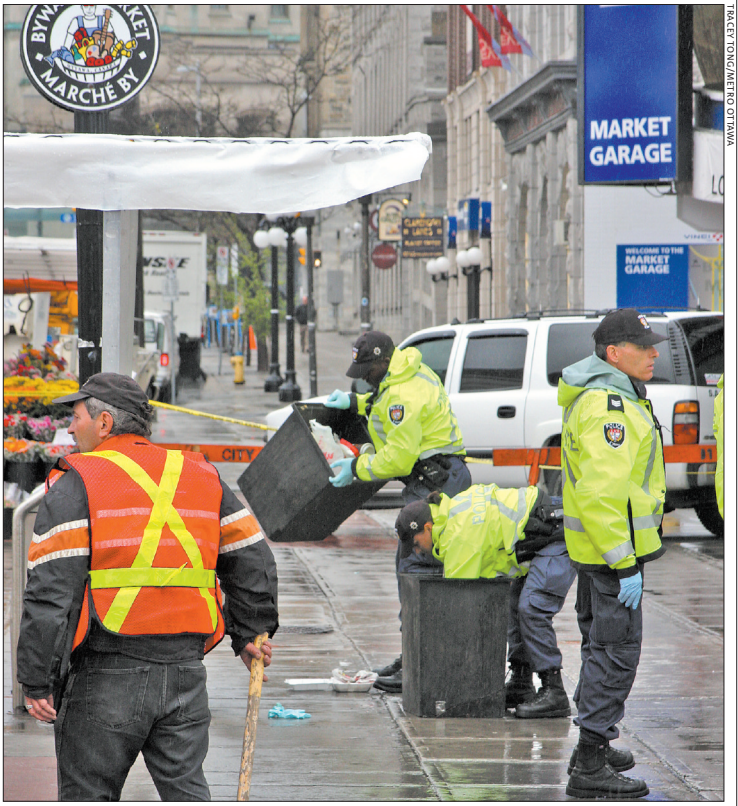
Trottier said paramedics lost the pulse on the victim shortly before he was transported to hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Paramedics also treated a 39-year-old area man for a gunshot wound to the arm. He is in stable condition at Ottawa Civic Hospital.

56 ByWard Market Square has three bars — Bar 56, The Mercury, and The Collection.

Police closed off ByWard Market Square between York and George Streets until Thursday afternoon to search for evidence, looking in sewers and around vendor cages, sifting through garbage receptacles, and lifting manhole covers, "all standard procedure for this type of incident," said Ottawa police Const. J.P. Vincelette.

No suspects have been arrested and the investigation is ongoing, Vincelette said.



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Ottawa police major crime investigators combed the ByWard Market between George and York streets Thursday, looking through garbage receptacles, examining vendor cages and uncovering manholes after a 26-year-old man was shot dead just after 1 a.m.

Mike Bedard didn't hear about the murder until he arrived for work yesterday at Sasloves Meat Market two doors down from the incident. He said he's not worried for his safety.

Across the street, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory employee Megan Foster said she heard that people were throwing beer bottles around the time of the incident.

"It worries me a little," she said. "The bad area is spreading. I used to live in the area and it seems to be getting worse."

Anyone who comes to the ByWard Market on a regular basis knows that this is an isolated incident, said Jasna Jennings, executive director of the ByWard Market Business Improvement Area.

"Nothing like this has happened for years in the market."

Tunnel costs to be made clear: Chair

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ALIGNMENT The price tag for the city's downtown transit tunnel will grow clearer after city council approves the alignment on May 27, according to transit committee chair Alex Cullen.

The city's transit committee approved the staff-recommended downtown transit tunnel alignment on Wednesday, despite some councillors' concerns that the cost of the tunnel is still too vague.

"When I questioned the cost of the tunnel, I did not feel I got the answer that I needed to hear," said Kitchissippi Coun. Christine Leadman. "I don't feel this has been fully fleshed out enough for us to make a decision."

The staff-recommended alignment would extend the eastern opening of the tunnel 700 metres further than the original alignment.

Leadman said it was not clear how that would impact the cost of the tunnel, and questioned how much it would cost to abandon the existing Transitway infrastructure between the Rideau Centre and Campus Station.

The cost of the tunnel has been pegged at $600 million by what is called a "Class D" estimate.

"This is normal in evolution of a project," said Cullen. "You go from broad concept to defined concept, to design level, to procurement. Each step as you go the numbers get better and better."

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Collision-related fatalities dropped last year

Ottawa saw fewer collision-related fatalities and serious injuries on its roadways in 2008 than in 2007, according to the city's Integrated Road Safety Program. Last year, 30 people lost their lives on Ottawa's roadways and 176 were seriously injured. METRO OTTAWA

Local

Self-defence expert giving a seminar

One of the world's authorities in self-defense and counter-terrorism will be teaching Ottawa students how to defend themselves at a seminar at Carleton University on Sunday. National director of the Canadian branch of the International Krav Maga Federation Thierry Cimkauskas has taught celebrities including Jennifer Lopez, Jennifer Garner, left, and Brendan Fraser. METRO OTTAWA

Rethink Lansdowne plan: Doucet

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Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet has launched a Lansdowne Needs You! campaign aimed at halting negotiations between the city and the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group to redevelop the park.

On April 22, city council voted 14-9 in favour of entering into 60-days of negotiations for a sole-source development deal with OSEG, headed by Minto CEO Roger Greenberg.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet launched a new Lansdowne Needs You! campaign Thursday to halt the proposed redevelopment of the park by a consortium of local business owners.

With Mayor Larry O'Brien on hiatus, Doucet said only four councillors would have to change their minds.

Doucet is calling on people across the city to sign a petition and help to develop an alternate vision of the park that can be presented when the OSEG proposal comes back to council.

"We're going to have to have our vision of the park nailed down and sold at the end of the 60 days," he said. "We have to turn those heads out beyond the greenbelt to get them to understand that Lansdowne Park is their park. It's about them."

Without accessible mass transit for Lansdowne Park, Ian Lee, director of the MBA program at Carleton University's Sprott School of Business, called the OSEG proposal a "terrible business plan."

Lee said a sole-source contact reduces transparency and violates all the practices that governments and business schools across North America teach.

But College Ward Coun. Rick Chiarelli said the city has already tried Doucet's approach, with disastrous results 12 years ago.

"The Lansdowne Live proposal takes probably the top four groups you'd want bidding and brings them all together and offers a solution that ends up being no cost to the taxpayer," he said.

MP wants to give boost to cycling in the city

Ottawa-Centre NDP MP Paul Dewar is looking for ways to improve cycling infrastructure in Ottawa.

Dewar will host a consultation with community groups and residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat. May 30 at St. Giles Church in the Glebe to gain insight on the public's ideas and priorities for cycling in Ottawa.

He will then pursue those ideas in the House of Commons, he said.

"Cycling is a part of life in Ottawa, but a lot needs to be done to improve cycling in our city," said Dewar.

"Building, maintaining and promoting better cycling infrastructure in Ottawa would go a long way in encouraging a healthy lifestyle at a time when people want to cut back on greenhouse gas emissions."

Dewar also noted that improvements to Ottawa's cycling infrastructure could enhance tourism opportunities and help Ottawa's reputation as a cycling destination.

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Feds helping fix local bridges

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RIVER Federal economic stimulus money will be flowing onto a couple of bridges spanning the Ottawa River.

Yesterday, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon and John Baird, minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, announced the Alexandra Bridge and the Chaudiere Crossing would be among four bridges receiving upgrades from a $42-million fund announced in the last federal budget.

"We obviously want to see that we don't just do the day-to-day and year-to-year maintenance, but that we are here for the long term to make sure the integrity is maintained for the future," said Baird.

It is still unclear how the money will be divided between Ottawa's two National Capital Region bridges as well as the Burlington Canal Lift Bridge and the Lasalle Causeway Bridge in Kingston.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

John Baird, minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon announced Thursday that the Alexandra Bridge and the Chaudiere Crossing would get funding for rehabilitation and repair work.

It's also unclear what type of work will be done.

"We're going to be looking at different mid-term and long-term options," said Pierre Vaillancourt, regional director of professional and technical services with public works. "Mainly it's going to be the replacement of some of the steel structure components including the concrete deck and installing new damping mechanisms to minimize vibrations on the bridge."

Public Works just finished spending $800,000 to repair the Chaudière Crossing and there is work already started on the Alexandra Bridge.

According to Cannon, the projects are expected to create 100 new construction jobs in the area.

News in brief

ARREST Ottawa police have charged a man with multiple offences after an investigation into a series of incidents in the Sandy Hill area in which police say a man entered residences and sexually assaulted female occupants. Police say the incidents took place between October 2008 and early March 2009. Gregory Guindon, 21, faces two counts of sexual assault with a weapon, as well as several other charges.

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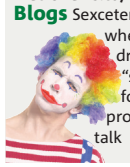

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Another honour

Artist to add lifetime award to haul

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When Peggy Baker learned that she was being awarded a Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement, she was surprised.

It wasn't because the internationally acclaimed modern dancer, choreographer, teacher and arts advocate hadn't been recognized many times before — the Toronto resident already has an Order of Ontario, an Order of Canada, several Toronto Arts Council Awards, four Dora Awards and an honorary doctorate to her name — but because time has flown by.

Baker got into dance late, she said. She was studying theatre at the University of Alberta when she found her calling at 19.

"I thought, I hadn't been dancing for so long," Baker said upon learning about the award. "But then I realized I've been dancing for 35 years. I'm 56 now."

And this award "goes right to the top," Baker said. "It feels thrilling and incredible and I'm deeply, deeply honoured. I knew for sure (dance) was going to be personally enriching, but the award is an acknowledgement that my personal journey as an artist has made some contribution to the larger community."

Peggy Baker

Baker is one of eight prominent Canadian artists to be honoured this weekend with the coveted Governor General's Performing Arts Awards in Ottawa.

In addition to Baker, this year's recipients of the Lifetime Artistic Achievement awards include singer Edith Butler; Quebec writer, broadcaster, singer, actress and monologuist Clémence DesRochers; director, playwright, actor and filmmaker Robert Lepage; composer, educator, mentor and environmentalist R. Murray Schafer; and playwright, director and screenwriter George F. Walker.

The lifetime award is given to people who have engaged and inspired audiences throughout their careers.

James D. Fleck is this year's recipient of the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts, while award-winning writer, producer, director, singer and promoter of Canadian culture Paul Gross is this year's recipient of the National Arts Centre Award.

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean will present the awards at Rideau Hall Friday, while the National Arts Centre will host a gala Saturday.

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Canada

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper sits in the cockpit of a C17 aircraft while flying enroute to Afghanistan Thursday. Harper says Canada will shift its focus in that country to training police and military personnel as it prepares for its 2011 pullout.

U.S. help allows for Canadian aid: PM

Harper makes surprise appearance in Afghanistan

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says thousands of new U.S. troops in will allow Canada to refocus its efforts in Afghanistan on humanitarian projects and on training the Afghan army and police force as it prepares for pullout in 2011.

In a surprise, brief appearance in Afghanistan, his third since becoming prime minister, Harper's visit was part pep rally and reminder that changes are coming to Afghanistan.

"The mission is changing in several different ways," Harper told reporters, referring to the emphasis on making the Afghan force responsible for the country's own security and better-defined civilian objectives.

After landing at the Kandahar airfield, the largest NATO base in the world, Harper immediately flew by military helicopter to see the progress on Canada's signature project, the $50-million refurbishment of the Dahla dam and irrigation system northeast of Kandahar.

"It sure was nice not to hitch a ride for a change," said Harper, who used to have to catch a ride with NATO countries before Canada got its new Chinook helicopter.

The United States has decided to pump about 30,000 soldiers into the region surrounding Kandahar, a city of about 1.2 million people, in an effort to cut the flow of Taliban fighters and arms in and out of Pakistan.

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News in brief

SEAL HUNT MPs agreed to a Bloc Québécois motion Wednesday that the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver should be used to promote products from the annual seal hunt, including the possibility that Canada's uniform include at least one seal product.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

CARBON As Saskatchewan and Montana launch a $270-million experimental carbon capture project, one of the world's largest, there are potential spin-off benefits for the entire Canadian economy. Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer Thursday announced plans to build carbon dioxide storage facilities and a pipeline between their jurisdictions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Student wins space city contest

CONTEST Everybody at the orbiting space colony would speak fluent English, Hindi and Mandarin.

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"I designed it to be close to the Canadian society that I live in," says Eric Yam, a Grade 12 student at Northern Secondary School in Toronto who won the grand prize in a NASA contest for conceiving a space city.

For the superstructure, Yam even designed a series of stacked rings, like a hollow cylinder, reminiscent of the facing curved towers of Toronto City Hall.

"I never noticed that before," he said Thursday when the prize was announced.

The annual contest calls for students in Grades 6 to 12 to design a space colony that would orbit the Earth.

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Whiz kid

- Eric Yam of Toronto beat out more than 300 entries from nearly 900 students around the world to become the first Canadian to win the contest in its 16 years. He tied with a team from Orissa, India.

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Climate change could affect shrimp stocks: Experts

A $500-million North Atlantic shrimp fishery may be vulnerable to climate change that could disrupt the shrimp's life cycle and mislead them into hatching when food is scarce, scientists said. Any damage to stocks of the northern shrimp could have effects in the ocean food chain ranging from algae to cod. REUTERS

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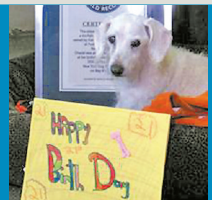

Oldest dog has her day

Chanel, the world's oldest dog, celebrated her 21st birthday on Wednesday with a certificate from the Guinness Book of Records and a visit to a dog hotel and spa. The dachshund, a rescue dog from Port Jefferson in New York, wore an orange sweater and red goggles as her owner, Denice Shaughnessy, accepted the award marking her longevity. REUTERS

Taliban in Pakistan's sights

Army told to 'eliminate' militants as thousands flee area

Pakistan's government ordered the army to eliminate militants on Thursday, setting the stage for a major offensive against Taliban fighters battling security forces in a northwestern valley.

The government's handling of the Swat valley has become a test of its resolve to fight a growing Taliban insurgency that has alarmed the United States.

President Asif Ali Zardari, in Washington for talks, assured U.S. President Barack Obama on Wednesday of Islamabad's commitment to defeating al-Qaida and its allies.

Security forces used jets and helicopters to pound Taliban positions in Swat, as thousands of civilians took advantage of a break in a curfew to flee.

With hundreds of thousands of people already displaced, aid groups said the new exodus of tens of thousands was intensifying a humanitarian crisis.

Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani said in a televised address the militants were trying to hold the country hostage at gunpoint. "In order to restore honour and dignity of our homeland and to protect the people, the armed forces have been called in to eliminate the militants and terrorists."

Gilani did not announce the launching of an offensive but said the government would not bow before terrorists and would force them to lay down their arms. REUTERS

U.S. builds new military camp

- A huge U.S. military camp is taking shape in southern Afghanistan for thousands of extra U.S. troops charged with defeating a resurgent Taliban.
- Camp Leatherneck will host more than 8,000 Marines now flowing into the region.

Japan **Bot for teacher**

REUTERS/KIM KYUNG-HOON

A humanoid robot named Saya is touched by students during a teaching demonstration at an elementary school in Tokyo. The robot, developed by a Tokyo University of Science professor, can speak different languages and make facial expressions.

California blaze levels 1,300 acres, forces residents to flee

SANTA BARBARA A wildfire that has destroyed dozens of multimillion-dollar homes and injured 10 firefighters burned through the central California foothills near Santa Barbara for a third day Thursday.

Already 13,500 people have fled their homes in the hillsides surrounding seaside Santa Barbara, as 1,400 firefighters fought the fire, which was being investigated as an arson.

By mid-afternoon, the so-called Jesusita fire had charred an estimated 1,300 acres, and crews contending with nearly 37 C weather made little headway in containing the flames.

Authorities were concerned that the flames were edging toward the more populated downtown area. REUTERS

Flu **Outbreak:** Alberta woman may be Canada's first death

- Reports emerged Thursday night that an elderly Albertan woman who had influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, had died. It was not yet clear whether she had any other health conditions. CBC NEWS ONLINE
- The U.S., Canada and Mexico vowed Thursday to contest bans on their pork products in the wake of swine flu. Around 20 countries have imposed import restrictions on North American pork. The World Health Organization (WHO) reiterated Thursday normal health measures could safeguard the food supply.
- The virus is not yet spreading in a sustained way outside North America, so the global pandemic level remains at 5 out of 6, a senior WHO official said on Thursday.
- Mexico confirmed two more deaths Thursday, pushing the country's toll to 44. The Mexico says the worst is over and millions of students returned to classes as the country got back on its feet.
- The new virus would have a bigger impact on Africa than anywhere else should it break out on the world's poorest continent, the WHO said Thursday.
- The U.S. pork industry, battered by import bans, could soon receive help from the government, said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. REUTERS

News in brief

SPACE Long-haul trips could be made in spaceships instead of planes in 20 years' time, if the efforts of Richard Branson's Virgin Group to commercialize space travel succeed, the president of Virgin Galactic said Thursday. The company hopes to start offering $300,000 trips to space in two years. REUTERS

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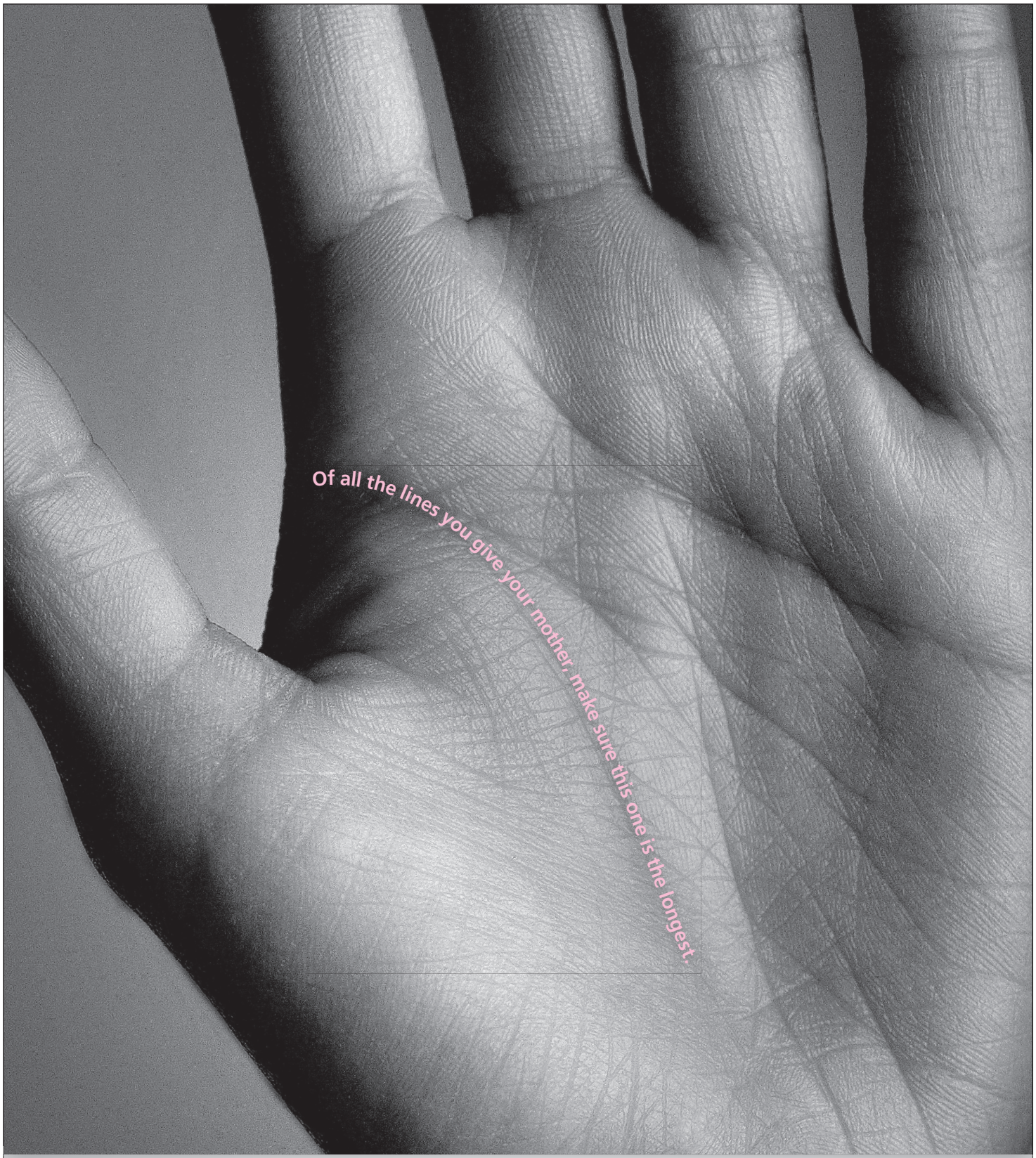

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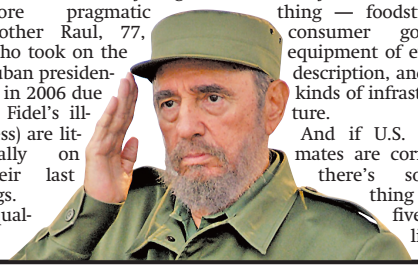
InBusiness

Charles Davies

To visit Cuba is literally to experience time travel. Outside the self-contained and sanitized resorts from which few Canadians venture, Cuba is stranded in the 1950s — a vista of decaying towns and cities, large stretches of unused countryside, hammerhead oil wells, clutches of workers at bus stops, crumbling highways, and innumerable classic cars, many belching apocalyptic clouds of exhaust. The only advertisements are revolutionary slogans painted on walls. And everywhere there's a constant police presence, a none-too-subtle reminder that Cuba remains a repressive state.

If the country has barely progressed since Fidel Castro took over on Jan. 1, 1959, the recent past has hardly been kinder. Thanks to the global recession, external financing for the island has dried up, falling commodity prices have cut into export revenues for key items such as nickel, food imports are becoming more costly, and tourism — now a roughly $3-billion-a-year industry — is slowing down.

All this will change, and not just because economic growth will resume. Fidel Castro, 82, and his younger, more pragmatic brother Raul, 77, (who took on the Cuban presidency in 2006 due to Fidel's illness) are literally on their last legs. Equally, U.S. President Barack Obama's conciliatory gestures towards the island — backed by more positive U.S. public opinion about the country — signal that the U.S. embargo that has stifled Cuba's economy for decades may finally be coming to an end. When you ask Cubans about the future, they speak without hesitation of a freer, more entrepreneurial country.



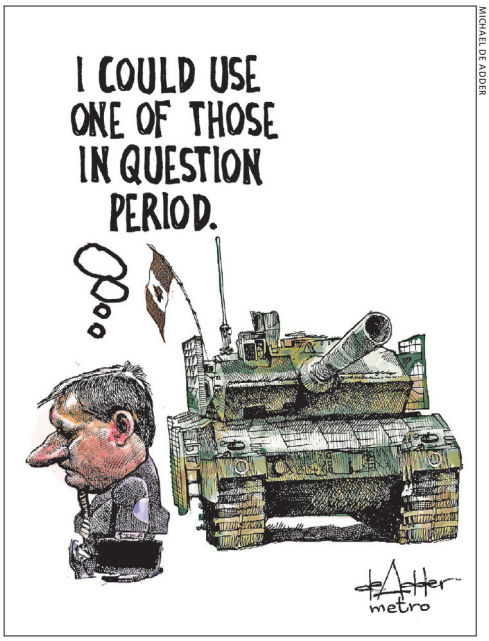
For Canadian companies, Cuba is an enormous business opportunity in the making. Aside from the further potential for tourism development, Cuba literally needs everything — foodstuffs, consumer goods, equipment of every description, and all kinds of infrastructure.

And if U.S. estimates are correct, there's something like five billion barrels of oil and 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas waiting for exploitation offshore.

But aside from Sherritt International's well-developed nickel mining, oil and gas and electricity operations, corporate Canada seems largely absent. An estimated 85 Canadian firms operate there, but aside from the likes of Sherritt and Labatt Breweries (actually owned by Belgium's InBev S.A.) the rest are mid-sized and smaller companies.

The Harper government's coolness toward Cuba in recent years hasn't helped either. By contrast, sizable U.S. and European companies are already jockeying for position once the door opens on the new Cuba. It's an opportunity that Canada cannot afford to miss.

Veteran financial writer Charles Davies recently spent time in Havana and northern Cuba, visiting sites once frequented by Ernest Hemingway.



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Views

O'Brien's far from the trial of the century

UrbanCompass

Steve Collins

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The stakes in Mayor Larry O'Brien's trial for attempted bribery and purported influence peddling — his job and liberty, the integrity of our electoral system — are considerable, but there's no denying the entertainment value.

It's a rare treat to watch politicians under oath, their professional powers of obfuscation severely limited but not entirely lost, as we saw in Bill Clinton's famous dance around the meaning of "is."

Questions of protocol present themselves: If O'Brien calls Judge J. Douglas Cunningham "Your Honour," as he did when entering a not guilty plea this week, should the judge in turn refer to him as "Your Worship?"

The allegations, that O'Brien offered mayoral rival Terry Kilrea inducements to drop out of the 2006 election, compare rather weakly to other tales of mayoral malfeasance. They might wonder what all the O'Brien fuss is about in Detroit, where Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick resigned last fall and went to jail after pleading guilty to two counts of obstruction of justice and no contest to one count of assault. The entire mess stemmed from the mayor's extramarital affair with his chief of staff.

It's probably fairer to measure the O'Brien case against past Ottawa mayors behaving badly, whose stories can be found in Dave Mullington's Chain of Office: Biographical Sketches of the Early Mayors of Ottawa.

How will Larry stack up, for example, against McLeod Stewart, whose 1888 mayoral victory was voided in court when one of his campaign workers was found to have bribed voters? Or how about G.B.L. Fellowes, elected mayor in 1876, and subsequently charged with 11 offences, including ballot-stuffing? Fellowes, a serial cheat who had already spent time in jail for electoral fraud, died of a stroke on the day his trial was to begin.

The O'Brien trial, meanwhile, has yet to produce much drama, but still the curious have come out to watch the show. While media lawyers argued for cameras and live-blogging in the courtroom, a spectator friend of mine was getting an abrupt education on restrictions at the Elgin Street courthouse itself.

She'd dropped by to take in the historic scene, and brought along a disposable camera, which was immediately confiscated when she snapped a picture outside the courtroom, a no-no, but hardly one familiar to the general public.

Rules were explained, apologies made, and discussions are ongoing about the recovery of the offending camera, which in addition to a possible contraband shot of the back of Mr. O'Brien's head, includes old pictures of the shutterbug's much-loved cat Sammy, now deceased.

So far, the trial of the century this ain't.

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Worth mentioning

U.S. soldier may face death for role in Iraqi murders

A former U.S. soldier was convicted Thursday of raping an Iraqi girl and killing her and her family near Baghdad in 2006 and now faces a possible death sentence.

The federal court jury that delivered guilty verdicts on all 16 counts against former Pte. 1st Class Steven Green will decide his fate in the trial's death penalty phase beginning Monday.

Green, 24, was tried in federal court as a civilian on murder, rape and obstruction of justice charges since his arrest came after he was discharged from the U.S. Army later in 2006 for a "personality disorder."

The trial, which lasted eight days before 1½ days of jury deliberations, featured prosecution testimony by Green's former comrades in which they detailed the brutal assault, one of several incidents involving American soldiers that enraged Iraqis and strained U.S. relations.

Green, 19 at the time of the crime, was described as the trigger-man in the group of five men, who donned black "ninja" outfits and raped Abeer Qassim Hamza al-Janabi, 14, and shot to death her and her father, mother and six-year-old sister. REUTERS

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$400M renovation being mulled for Olympic Stadium

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Warner posts loss

Music company hit by plummeting CD sales

Warner Music Group on Thursday posted a wider quarter loss as recorded music sales fell faster than expected, sending its shares down 15 per cent.

The world's third-largest music company posted a net loss of $68 million US, or 45 cents a share in its fiscal second quarter ended March 31, compared with a year-earlier loss of $37 million, or 25 cents a share.

The company booked $33 million in charges for items such as the declining value of investments in digital music startup companies Lala and Imeem.

As a result of the write-offs, chief executive Edgar Bronfman told analysts on a conference call that he does not intend to make more venture capital investments in digital music startups.

Revenue fell 17 per cent to $668 million, compared with the average Wall Street forecast of of $730.2 million.

Like other music companies, Warner is struggling with shrinking sales of recorded music as fewer fans buy albums in physical CD format.

Warner also blamed the weak results on a light record-release schedule and the turbulent global economy.

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Digital sales

- Warner Music said its digital music sales rose six per cent from the prior year to $173 million US, or 26 per cent of total revenue in quarter.

BCE, Telus see drop in wireless revenue

WIRELESS BCE Inc. and Telus Corp. warned Thursday that the recession is battering their key wireless businesses as consumers keep a tight rein on spending and use their mobile phones less often.

In reporting first-quarter results, both BCE and Telus said that, on average, they are bringing in less revenue per wireless user each month.

Telus said new wireless subscriber additions dropped 46 per cent to 48,000. Average monthly revenue for both prepaid and postpaid users fell 5.6 per cent to $58.39 per wireless user.

BCE added 35,000 new postpaid users to its wireless network, up from 28,000 a year earlier, but average revenue per postpaid user fell three per cent to $62.34 a month, it said. REUTERS

Business in brief

FILM Imax Corp., which makes giant movie screens and operates theatres equipped with them, reported a narrower quarterly loss of $2.64 million US on Thursday and said the company will likely return to profitability in 2009. REUTERS

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Soccer star apologizes

Striker Didier Drogba has apologized for his behaviour following Chelsea's dramatic Champions League exit against Barcelona on Wednesday. The Ivory Coast captain harangued Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovrebo after the final whistle and then directed a foul-mouthed rant directly to a live TV camera. REUTERS

Sports

Done for good, for real?

Brett Favre has reportedly told the Minnesota Vikings that he wants to stay retired. Yahoo Sports reported Thursday, citing a source close to the Vikings, that Favre told Minnesota coach Brad Childress in a phone conversation that he wanted to stay retired. Additionally, Favre's agent, Bus Cook, told USA Today he spoke to the future Hall of Fame quarterback Thursday and said Favre intends to stay retired. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Coyote hearing extended

The day began with the hope that the future of the NHL — in Hamilton and Phoenix — would come more closely into focus.

By the end of the day, things simply got blurrier: From who was in control, to who knew what about Jerry Reinsdorf's mysterious bid for the Coyotes.

It was difficult to tell who was right, and who was wrong.

Since all the parties failed to file their motions over the case's central argument — who controls the team — in time for yesterday's hearing, federal bankruptcy court judge Redfield T. Baum did the legal equivalent of throw his hands up in the air, admonish them for trying to argue motions that had not been filed, and all parties came up with a new plan.

By May 13, the NHL must file arguments why it controls the Coyotes and why the bankruptcy hearing should be thrown out.

By May 15, lawyers for owner Jerry Moyes and would-be owner Jim Balsillie should file their counterclaims.

Then May 19, there'll be a hearing. That's the earliest Baum could rule who's in control, and the earliest he could start the auction process to officially put the Coyotes up for sale.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Playoffs Hawks draw even

JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

Vancouver's Mason Raymond gets tangled up with Chicago's Matt Walker Thursday during Game 4 of their western semifinal. Chicago won 2-1 in overtime, evening the series at two games apiece. For a full game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

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In case you haven't heard, there's a billionaire trying to buy an NHL franchise and move it to Southern Ontario.

Toronto hockey fans are in a tizzy. And while it's awesome to see the affection folks in the metropolis have for our icebound obsession, there is so much out there that screams for our attention. It's true hockey has come to embody much of the Canadian identity, but this fascination with what is essentially a business deal has overshadowed what great sport is really all about.

I'm talking about the wizardry of Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin on Stanley Cup playoff ice. The Blue Jays are making a little magic deep into May and are still in first place. And professional soccer is finally taking root in this country reflecting a complex, multicultural reality.

Beyond all this, the playing fields are alive across the land. Young people are back in the water and on the tracks to someday soon fly Canadian colours on the international stage.

Don't get me wrong, I love hockey and think a seventh NHL franchise in this country would be sweet justice. But I'm not going to dwell on it.

Heck, Canada's going to host the Olympics in nine months! Women ski jumpers are fighting for gender equality and the right to compete at Vancouver 2010. We'll also find out if the Golden Horseshoe's Pan American Games bid has been successful.

The World's fastest man, Usain Bolt, will appear in Toronto and just outside Halifax this summer they'll stage the World Canoe/Kayak championships. There are marathons to be run and swimming races to be won.

So there it is, I applaud Jim Balsillie's quest to plant another team in Canadian soil and redefine the NHL's future. But, in a sporting nation like ours, it's also good to know that the field of play goes well beyond the boards, or indeed boardrooms, of professional hockey.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

GOLF Ben Crane fired a seven-under 65 on Thursday to take the lead after the first round of The Players Championship at the famous Stadium Course at the TPC at Sawgrass. John Mallinger, Alex Cejka and Richard S. Johnson share second place at six-under 66. Tiger Woods had shot a one-under 71 that left him in a tie for 38th place.

NFL LeBron James revved into MVP form again, pouring in 27 points before resting in the fourth quarter, as the Cavaliers continued to roll in the postseason with a 105-85 blowout of the injury- riddled Atlanta Hawks in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

BASEBALL The New York Yankees expect to have third baseman Alex Rodriguez in the lineup for the first time this season on Friday in Baltimore.

NBA Los Angeles Lakers guard Derek Fisher and Orlando Magic guard Rafer Alston were assessed one-game suspensions Thursday for their actions in separate incidents during their respective semifinal playoff games on Wednesday.

NHL Police are investigating after Washington Capitals star forward Alexander Ovechkin had his life threatened in a message board post on the team's website. WPXI News in Pittsburgh reported the incident earlier Thursday. Pennsylvania state police are investigating and according to the station's website, a 17-year-old in Chambersburg, PA, posted the threat.

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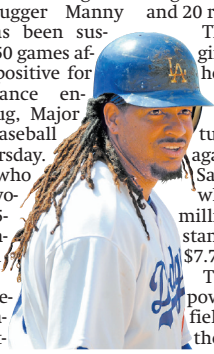
50 game suspension for Man-Ram

BASEBALL Los Angeles Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez has been suspended for 50 games after testing positive for a performance enhancing drug, Major League Baseball said on Thursday.

Ramirez, who signed a two-year, $45-million contract with the Dodgers before the season, was hitting .348 with six homers and 20 runs batted in.



The suspension begins with Thursday's home game against Washington and he is eligible to return on July 3 against the Padres in San Diego. Ramirez, who is making $25 million this year, stands to lose about $7.7 million in salary.

The 36-year-old power-hitting outfielder had helped the Dodgers post a 21-8 record this season, the best mark in the major leagues, including an MLB record 13 successive home wins to start a season.

A 12-time All-Star player who came to the Dodgers last season by trade from the Boston Red Sox, Ramirez becomes the biggest name to be penalized since MLB began a testing program to detect use of performance-enhancing drugs in 2003.

His 533 career homers puts him 17th on the all-time list. REUTERS

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'A different beast'

Director Howard at peace with Angels & Demons

Movie **feature**

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Ron Howard, the flame-haired actor turned director of The Da Vinci Code, wasn't surprised by the success of his adaptation of the best selling Dan Brown suspense novel.

"The idea at the centre of The Da Vinci Code was so provocative and such a hot button issue it really lived at the centre of popular culture for almost two years," he said this week in Rome before the premiere of Angels & Demons, the follow-up to the record-breaking Da Vinci Code.

"Angels & Demons is a popular novel," the director says, although he acknowledges that it isn't as notorious as the other book.

"What I'm finding, however, is if you like The Da Vinci Code you're going to really like Angels & Demons. I feel like it could be a thrilling and exciting experience for audiences in of itself; separating itself from The Da Vinci Code movie or the novel."

The new film, starring Tom Hanks in a reprise of his Da Vinci role as symbologist Robert Langdon, sees the Harvard professor work to solve a murder, unravel the mystery of an ancient secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

Tom Hanks, left, reprises his role as The Da Vinci Code symbologist Robert Langdon in the film adaptation of the Dan Brown's Angels & Demons, in theatres next week.

"I just didn't want to miss this next Robert Langdon adventure."
Ron Howard

The mix of intrigue and religious may sound familiar to Da Vinci Code fans but Howard maintains Angels & Demons is a different beast. "If I felt like it was a cookie cutter situation and I was being asked to repeat myself then it wouldn't interest me," he said, "but I just didn't want to miss this next Robert Langdon adventure.

"I like the uniqueness of these Dan Brown stories. Sure they use the murder mystery genre, but in a way that is so fresh that these films stand on their own as something brand new."

Something that certainly is new in Angels & Demons is the setting. Shot on location in Rome, the movie is a love letter to the Eternal City.

"For scheduling reasons we had to shoot in June," Howard says.

"Everyone in Italy kept saying that we couldn't have chosen a worse month but I'm very glad in a way it was so hectic and intense because it energized everything."

- Angels & Demons opens across Canada next Friday.

On the web

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Lymelife's drama trapped on page

Lymelife
Director: Derick Martini
Stars: Alec Baldwin, Rory Culkin
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Alec Baldwin plays an adulterous dad in Lymelife.

REVIEW A story of familial dysfunction set at the dawn of the Reagan '80s, Lymelife orbits around Scott Bartlett (Rory Culkin), the moody son of an adulterous dad (Alec Baldwin) and a self-martyring mom (Jill Hennessy).

The Bartletts' unhappiness is hardly atypical: Their Long Island neighbourhood has enough tragic characters for an entire short story collection.

Derick Martini's film (co-written by his brother Steven) works over the terrain of suburban ennui first cultivated by Robert Redford's Ordinary People in 1980, but familiarity is only part of the problem. Despite the presence of some talented actors (including Ordinary People alum Timothy Hutton), Lymelife's various dramatic and visual conceits feel as if they're still trapped on the page.

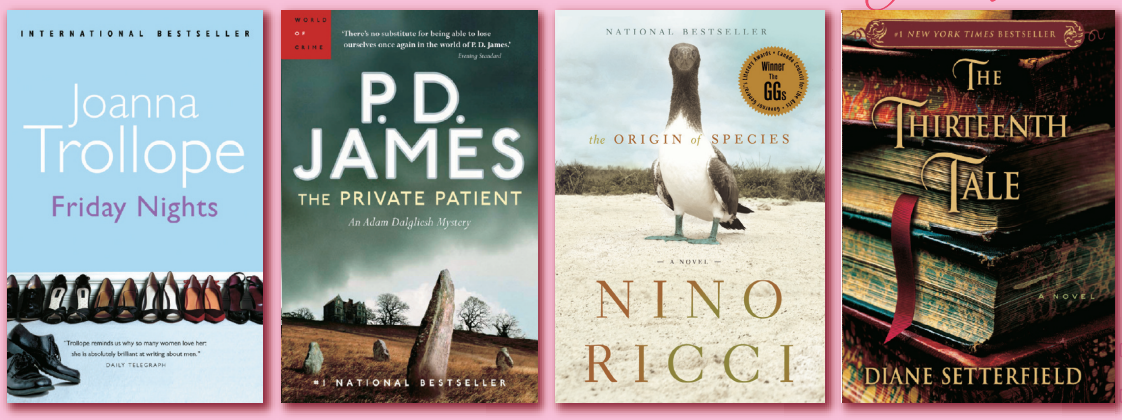
And then there are the painfully on-the-nose dialogue exchanges, like the one where Culkin and his girl-next-door crush (Emma Roberts) discuss an unnamed novel about "phonies;" the Martinis may think that not having either of the characters actually say The Catcher in the Rye makes it a subtle reference, but they're wrong.

Speaking of unsubtle references: Lymelife's debt to American Beauty is never more evident than its final scenes, which find one tragically addled character stumbling around, shotgun in hand, while his neighbours are shamelessly arrayed for our delectation as potential victims.

After all, what's an expose of suburban American malaise without the promise of a random murder? That the film follows through on this promise is nothing to be proud of.

Lymelife's nihilism feels as tackily prefab as its painstakingly recreated period décor.

Mom doesn't need to know how little you spent.



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Lights, camera, upper cut

Paul Newman in Somebody Up There Like Me.

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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I'm not a boxing fan but I once paid $25 to watch a pay-per-view Mike Tyson fight. It was the mid 1980s and Iron Mike was one of the most famous and controversial men on the planet; a beast who won 26 of his first 28 matches by knockout — 16 in the first round.

Wondering what all the fuss was about I paid my cover charge and watched as the undisputed champ strut into the ring, sized up his opponent and laid him out, unconscious on the floor in less than thirty seconds.

I know $25 for less than a minute of entertainment may sound pricey, but it was a riveting thirty seconds and even now, more than twenty years later, I can remember the look of devastating determination on his face as he massacred his challenger.

It's an expression that runs across his (now tattooed) face several times in the fascinating new documentary Tyson. The film is a raw, revealing look at this troubled but fascinating man. "It's like a Greek tragedy," he says of the movie, "only I'm the subject."

Tyson is just the latest boxer to get the big screen treatment. Audiences can't seem to get enough of stories about the "sweet science" and the individual struggles of these modern day gladiators.

Everybody knows Rocky, Cinderella Man and Raging Bull but digging a little deeper reveals splendid movies that aren't as well known.

Somebody Up There Likes Me stars Paul Newman (stepping in for James Dean who died just before filming began) as real life middleweight champion of the world Rocky Graziano. The fighter is portrayed as a tough kid from New York's "lower East Side where both sides of the tracks were wrong" whose violent and callous ways are changed by the redemptive power of the love of a good woman.

It sounds a like a mushy love story — and in fact, inspired Sylvester Stallone when he was writing the Adrian storyline in Rocky — but the fight scenes are brutal and authentic.

Also worth a rental is The Great White Hope based on Jack Johnson, (played by Darth Vader himself, James Earl Jones) the first African-American world heavyweight champ, who ruled the ring from 1908 to 1915. Good fight scenes bolster this powerful look at the racial hostility that plagued Johnson's career and it's likely the only boxing movie written in the poetic style of free verse.

There are plenty of others; top of my list are Requiem for A Heavyweight and The Harder They Fall. Both are excellent, and both provide way more than thirty seconds of entertainment for your money.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Clawed and Canadian

WOLVERINE A funny thing happened to Wolverine on his way to box office supremacy last weekend: His Canadian origins became a punchline for reviewers.

X-men Origins: Wolverine, starring Hugh Jackman as the Canadian mutant hero, survived mediocre reviews to gross more than $85 million (U.S.) and critics seemed to find the brooding character's Canuck background irresistible.

"A grouchy, sensitive loner with retractable metal claws and apparently unretractable facial hair, Wolverine brooded and growled through the first three X-Men pictures," writes A.O. Scott in the New York Times. "And now X-Men Origins: Wolverine ... helps explain just what makes this guy so intriguing and unusual. He's Canadian."

Hollywood Reporter critic Kirk Honeycutt writes: "Six years later, Logan (Jackman) is a lumberjack in a remote Canadian forest, though the film never clarifies whether becoming Canadian represents another mutation."

Grady Hendrix's take on slate.com, subtitled "How a ridiculous Canadian mutant conquered the world," examines the character's origins as a "mostly Canadian caricature."

Initially many fanboys worried that Wolverine's Canadian background would be left out of the American-made films. So how does Wolverine fare in terms of Canadian-ness? Probably the most definitive point is when Col. William Stryker attempts to lure him back into a violent secret strike force, saying, "Your country needs you." Wolverine turns him down, responding: "I'm Canadian."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

McAvoy, Banks join comedy

James McAvoy, Elizabeth Banks and Laura Linney have signed on to star in the black comedy, The Details. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Movie morsels

17 Again

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REVIEW In his first major starring role outside the High School Musical franchise, Zac Efron is looking to prove that he's more than just a pretty face, that he can carry a movie. And he very well might be able to, if the movie in question didn't spend so much time trying to make that point. 17 Again follows Mike O'Donnell (played as an adult by Matthew Perry), who, through a bit of hocus pocus, is transformed back to his 17-year-old self (Efron), only it's still present day, so suddenly he's going to high school with his teenage children.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

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REVIEW Matthew McConaughey stars as Matthew McConaughey, though we're told he's playing Connor Mead, a celebrity photographer and serial womanizer. He ventures home for the wedding of his brother, played by Breckin Meyer and proceeds to bah-humbug the whole celebration in a not-terribly-convincing down-with-love drunken tirade. Of course, there to challenge his status quo is the one who got away, played begrudgingly by Jennifer Garner.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro Canada

Monsters vs. Aliens

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REVIEW There's something refreshing about a movie with a title that tells you everything you need to know about it. Part Plan 9 from Outer Space, part The Dirty Dozen, Monsters vs. Aliens is all about good, old-fashioned escapism. Just don't pay too close attention to the plot holes and lazy exposition. The movie has an all-star cast, the kind only possible in an animated movie, led by Reese Witherspoon as Susan, a bride-to-be who grows to five stories tall after being walloped by a radioactive meteor on her wedding day.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World

Obsessed

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REVIEW For a movie that's being marketed as "this year's sexiest thriller," Obsessed certainly lacks some key components. Like sex and thrills for starters. In the neutered Fatal Attraction-wannabe, Idris Elba (RocknRolla) plays Derek Charles, a successful executive who suddenly finds himself the mark of an attractive office temp named Lisa (Ali Larter).

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Soloist

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REVIEW Between its infamous rescheduling out of Oscar season last year and star Robert Downey Jr.'s hilarious diatribe in Tropic Thunder about the perils of playing mentally ill on film, it's hard to watch The Soloist without that little golden guy tapping on your shoulder. Sure, Jamie Foxx makes a good schizophrenic homeless Juilliard dropout, but an Oscar-worthy one? Downey quietly steals the movie out from under his co-star. His Steve Lopez is a fantastic mix of world-weary cynicism and innate curiosity.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World

Star Trek

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REVIEW In what could easily have been Star Trek: The College Years, the film brings together the crew of the USS Enterprise for their maiden voyage to do battle with a black hole-building Romulan with a chip on his shoulder (Eric Bana, with Mike Tyson-like face tattoos). In the midst of the crisis, the filmmakers reinvigorate well-worn heroes Kirk (Chris Pine) and Spock (Zachary Quinto) by sprinkling on liberal amounts of daddy issues.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro Canada

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Screen Times

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OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Che: Part One (14A) Wed 6:40 Thu 4
Che: Part Two (PG) Wed 9:10 Thu 6:30
Cherry Blossoms (STC) Fri 6:40 Sat 9:10 Sun 1:45 Mon 9:10 Tue 6:45 Wed 4 Thu 9:15
Hunger (18A) Fri 9:20 Sat 7 Sun 8:40
Mamma Mia! (PG) Sat 2:45 Sun 4:25
Mothers & Daughters (STC) Fri 4:45 Sat 5:05 Sun 6:45 Mon 5
Pontypool (14A) Tue 9:25
Singin' in the Rain (STC) Mon 6:55 Tue 4:30

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Ivan the Terrible, Part II (STC) Sat 9
Ivan the Terrible, Part One (STC) Sat 7

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Blue Planet Seas of Life: Coral Seas (STC) Fri 3 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:30-3:30 Thu 6 Fri 4 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30 Thu 7
A Song of Africa (STC) Sat-Sun 9:30-10-10:30-11

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:20
Earth (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:30-8-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:30-8-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Fighting (STC) Fri-Sun 1:40-7:40 Mon-Thu 7:40
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50-10:20
Metropolitan Opera: La Cenerentola (STC) Sat 12:30
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3-5:20-7:45-10 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:45-10
Star Trek (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Sat 12:30-3:30-6:40-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Sun 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:10-6:40-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-10:25
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-1:30-2-3:40-4:20-4:50-6:30-7-7:30-9:10-9:40-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-4:20-4:50-6:30-7-7:30-9:10-9:40-10:10

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor
World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Angels & Demons (14A) No Passes Thu 12:01
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri 4:10-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-9:45
Lymelife (14A) Fri 4:20-7-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:25
The Soloist (PG) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:50
Star Trek (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:30-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:40
State of Play (PG) Fri 4-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:30
Two Lovers (14A) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:15
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-10

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403,
mayfair-movie.com

Fear(s) of the Dark (STC) Tue 8:45 Thu 8:45
Ghostbusters (STC) Sun 3 Mon 7
The Killing (STC) Wed 8:45
Ms. 45 (STC) Sat 11:45
Muppets From Space (G) Sun 1
Paths of Glory (STC) Wed 7
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Sun 7
Spaceballs (STC) Sat 4:15 Mon 9
Waltz With Bashir (18A) Tue 7 Wed 1 Thu 7
Watchmen (18A) Fri 9:30 Sat 6:30 Sun-Mon 9:15
Wild at Heart (R) Sat 9:30
You Changed My Life (G) Sat 2 Sun 10:30

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218
familycinema.ca

The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D (G) Sat 2

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre,
1200 St. Laurent Blvd.,
613-688-0850

Adventureland (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20-5:10-9:35
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-7
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 10-6:50-9:25
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50
Knowing (14A) Fri-Wed 1-4-9:05 Thu 4-9:05 Thu 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-7:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:20-2:50-5-7:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 10:35-12:40-3:10-5:20-7:20-9:40

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

17 Again (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 4:45-7:15-9:25 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7-9:25 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:25
Star Trek (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:45
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:35-7:10-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:10-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:35

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 10:50-1:25-4:10-7:15-9:40
Earth (G) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:15-3:40-7:05-9:30
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:20-4:15-7:35-10:05
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 10:15-12:45
Metropolitan Opera: La Cenerentola (STC) Sat 12:30
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:55-3:50-7:10-9:55
Star Trek (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:05-12:20-1:35-3:20-4:25-6:40-8-9:50
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 3:45-6:55-9:45
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10-10:30-11-1-1:30-2-4-4:30-5-7-7:30-8:15-10-10:15

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Merveilles des Mers (STC) Fri 4-10 Sat 10-4 Sun-Mon 10-1-7 Tue 1 Wed 4-8 Thu 4
Momies: Secret des Pharaons (STC) Fri 1-9 Sat 1 Sun 4 Mon 4-8 Tue 4 Wed 10-1 Thu 1-6
Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs (STC) Fri 12-3-8 Sat 12-3-8-10 Sun 12-3-6 Mon 12-3 Tue 10-12-3-8 Wed 12-3-9 Thu 12-3-8
Under the Sea (STC) Fri 10-11-2-5-7 Sat 11-2-5-7-9 Sun 11-2-5 Mon 11-2-5-9 Tue 11-2-5-7-9 Wed 11-2-5-7 Thu 10-11-2-5-7-9

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne,
819-248-2526

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10 Sun 12:50-3:10-9:10 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:10
Fighting (STC) Fri-Sun 3-9 Tue 3-9 Wed-Thu 9
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-7:10 Mon 7:10 Tue 12:40-7:10 Wed-Thu 7:10
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-7-9:30 Mon 7 Tue 1-3:30-7-9:30 Wed-Thu 7-9:30
Twilight (PG) Sun 7
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:20 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:20 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:20

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest,
819-568-8000

Les 12 épreuves (13+) Fri-Sun 5:15-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 5:25-9:25
La course vers la montagne ensorcelée (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-3:30-5:15-7-8:40
Dédé, à travers les brumes (13+) Fri-Sun 4 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
Grande ourse - La clé des possibles (13+) Fri-Sun 12 Mon-Thu 1:50
J't'aime, mon homme (13+) Fri-Sun 12 Mon-Thu 12-3:40
L'Empreinte de l'ange (G) Mon-Thu 12-3:45
L'enlevement (13+) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:10-6:15-7:50-9:25
Palace pour chiens (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30 Mon-Thu 12
Paul Blart: Flic du mail (STC) Fri-Thu 12-4:45
Prédictions (13+) Fri-Sun 1:50-7-9:05 Mon-Thu 1:40-7:20

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

Les 12 épreuves (13+) Fri-Sun
Fast & Furious (13+) Fri-Sun
The Last House on the Left (16+) Fri-Sun
X-Men les origines: Wolverine (13+) Fri-Sun

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Combats de rue (13+) Fri 6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:15-6:50-9:15 Mon 6:50-9:15 Tue 12:45-3:15-6:50-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:15
Encore 17 ans (G) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:35-7:05-9:40 Mon 7:05-9:40 Tue 1:10-3:35-7:05-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:40
Hanté par ses ex (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-7-9:10 Mon 7-9:10 Tue 1:20-3:50-7-9:10 Wed-Thu 7-9:10
Metropolitan Opera: La Cenerentola (STC) Sat 12:30
Obsédée (G) Fri 6:20-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:10-3-6:20-8:45 Mon 6:20-8:45 Tue 12:10-3-6:20-8:45 Wed-Thu 6:20-8:45
Rapides et dangereux (13+) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:25-4-7:20-9:50 Mon 7:20-9:50 Tue 1:25-4-7:20-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:50
Star Trek v.f. (G) No Passes Fri 6:45-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30 No Passes Mon 6:45-9:30 No Passes Tue 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:45-9:30
X-Men les origines: Wolverine (13+) No Passes Fri 6:30-7:15-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-1-2:45-3:40-6:30-7:15-9:45 No Passes Mon 6:30-7:15-9:45 No Passes Tue 12:15-1-2:45-3:40-6:30-7:15-9:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:30-7:15-9:45

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090,

Combats de rue (13+) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:20
Encore 17 ans (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-6:40-9:15
Hanté par ses ex (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:20
Jeux de pouvoir (G) Fri-Thu 3:45-9:25
Metropolitan Opera: La Cenerentola (STC) Sat 12:30
Monstres contre Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:05
Obsédée (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-7:20-10:10
Prédictions (13+) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:55-9:45
Rapides et dangereux (13+) Fri-Thu 12:50-6:40
Star Trek (G) Fri-Thu 12-3-6:55-10
Star Trek v.f. (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-1-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:15
Terre (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:10-9:35
X-Men les origines: Wolverine (13+) Fri-Thu 12:10-12:50-1:30-3:10-3:50-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:25
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (13+) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15

BARRHAVEN

BARRHAVEN CINEMAS
131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

17 Again (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:10
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5-7:50
Obsessed (14A) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 5:10-8
Star Trek (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6-8:45

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

17 Again (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:25-6:25-9:15-11:40 Sun-Mon 12:30-3:25-6:25-9:15 Tue 12:30-3:25-6:25-9:15-11:40 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:25-9:15
Angels & Demons (14A) No Passes Thu 12:01
Earth (G) Fri-Tue 11:45-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:25 Wed 2:20-4:45-7:10-9:25 Thu 11:45-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35
Fighting (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:45-10:25
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:40-7:30-10:05
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-7:05
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:40
Metropolitan Opera: La Cenerentola (STC) Sat 12:30
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3-6:35-9
Obsessed (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:15-7:35-10:20
Star Trek (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:30-12:20-2:30-3:20-5:30-6:40-8:30-9:50-11:30 No Passes Sun-Mon 11:30-12:20-2:30-3:20-5:30-6:40-8:30-9:50-11:30 No Passes Tue 11:30-12:20-2:30-3:20-5:30-6:40-8:30-9:50-11:30 No Passes Wed 11:30-2:30-3:50-3:55-5:30-6:40-8:30-9:50 No Passes Thu 11:30-12:20-2:30-3:20-5:30-6:40-8:30-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:45
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:15-1-3:10-3:55-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:10-12:15 No Passes Sun-Mon 12:15-1-3:10-3:55-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:10 No Passes Tue 12:15-1-3:10-3:55-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:10-12:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:15-1-3:10-3:55-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:10 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30

ORLEANS

ORLEANS TOWN CENTRE 6 CINEMAS
250 Centrum Blvd., 613-834-0666

17 Again (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 5:35-7:55
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) Fri 4:20-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:40-8
Obsessed (14A) Fri 3:15-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:15-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 6-8:25
The Soloist (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
Star Trek (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-8:15
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-6:20-8:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-6:20-8:45 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30

KANATA

KANATA 24
801 Earl Gray Dr., 613-599-1200

17 Again (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 1:40-2:10-4:20-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:40-10:10 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:35-1:40-2:10-4:20-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:40-10:10 SDDS Digital Mon-Wed 2:10-4:20-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:40-10:10 SDDS Digital Thu 2:10-4:20-7:10-9:40
Adventureland (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Sun 1:35-4:15-7:20-9:55 Dolby Stereo Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20-9:55
Angels & Demons (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Thu 12:01
Earth (G) SDDS Digital Fri 2:35-4:50-7:10-9:25 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:55-2:35-4:50-7:10-9:25 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:35-4:50-7:10-9:25
Fast & Furious (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 2:20-5:05-7:40-10:15 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:20-2:20-5:05-7:40-10:15 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:20-5:05-7:40-10:15
Fighting (STC) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10-7-9:35 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:35
Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri 12:35-1:10-2:10-3:10-3:45-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:05-10:05 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:35-12:35-1:10-2:10-3:10-3:45-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:05-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Wed 2:10-3:10-3:45-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:05-10:05 SDDS Digital Thu 2:10-3:10-3:45-4:45-5:45-7:30-8:30-10:05
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) SDDS Digital Fri 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:25-7:05-9:45 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:45
I Love You, Man (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 2:20-4:55-7:35-10:05 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:35-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:35-10:05
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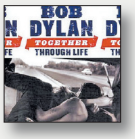
Music

Metro recommends

• Fortress Round My Heart, Ida Maria:

Maria's intense, raspy vocals add some fury and fun to her band's energetic pop-punk sound.

• Together Through Life, Bob Dylan:

Guest accordion and guitar players help Dylan deliver rootsy blues-rock tunes on life and love.

• Honey Moon, The Handsome Family:

Alt-country couple broaden their repertoire of twangy ballads by incorporating elements of soul and doo-wop.

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Paul Potts' survival plan

British tenor and reality TV champ is back with new album Passione

BRIAN TOWIE
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SONY MUSIC PHOTO

Accompanied by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Britain's Got Talent winner Paul Potts mixes classic operatic numbers and contemporary hits on his latest album, Passione.

Paul Potts has two keys to survival in the spotlight, which he'd like to share with current Britain's Got Talent contestant Susan Boyle: Take it day-by-day, and eat healthy.

The British tenor and 2007 winner of the variety show is great at sticking to the first. The other one? Not so much, but it's something he's trying to change as he jets across the globe in promotion of his second release, Passione. Accompanied by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Potts mixes classic operatic numbers and contemporary hits (Procol Harum's A Whiter Shade of Pale is decidedly different when sung in that style).

Though Passione's lineup had to be approved by BGT judge Simon Cowell, Potts had more input this time around into whittling down 60 potential songs onto the 10-track release than on his debut, One Chance.

"I wanted the songs to reflect many different kinds of passion," says the Bristol native and former cellphone store manager. "They're simple tunes, but incredibly beautiful, I think. Some of them are quite a challenge for a tenor to sing, quite rangey, which is what I wanted. We had more time to record it, so we were able to pace it better."

And pace is something he'll have to keep up over the next little while as he tours. Noting diabetes runs in the family, Potts says it's important to keep the strict diet that helped him shed six kilograms since January — especially in North America where he says steakhouses abound in comparison to Europe. It's the home-cooking Potts misses the most on the road, a link to normalcy (he gestures quotes with his fingers when he says it) between stints in the bright lights.

"I used to travel on a bike but now I travel here, there and everywhere," he said. "I still do things the way I've always done. I end up doing the shopping at home — my wife hates it — and people come up to me like I'm crazy. They ask me haven't I got someone to do my shopping for me. Well no, why should I? I'd have to make a list and be organized if I did that."

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As for a duet with Boyle, his BGT contemporary who became an overnight sensation much like he did two years before, he won't rule it out. Though he doesn't think that far ahead, and he advises her not to either, at least not past a performance.

"I would perform as if nothing's going to happen after it, because otherwise you put a lot of pressure on yourself and you think, 'This could happen, that could happen,'" he said. "You should never concentrate on the What Ifs. You should concentrate on what you have in front of you, right here and now."

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1. Together Through Life, Bob Dylan (right); **2.** Hannah Montana Soundtrack, Various Artists; **3.** Unstoppable, Rascal Flatts; **4.** Deeper Than Rap, Rick Ross; **5.** The Fame, Lady GaGa. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

On-demand streams could be next big thing

SoundCheck

For most people, obtaining music involves a transactional experience. I give you money and in exchange, you give me a piece of plastic (a CD, a record, a tape) or access to a digital file (iTunes, eMusic, etc.) At the end of the transaction, I possess (own) a copy of the performance. And it will remain mine until I throw it away or delete it from my hard drive.

But this idea of possessing music is becoming a rather quaint notion. Think about it: If you're able to access whatever song you want from wherever you are at whatever time on any device you choose, why on Earth would you ever need to physically possess a piece of plastic or a digital file?

This is the thinking behind a number of emerging music services that offer on-demand streams. Spotify (a Swedish creation not yet available in Canada) allows users to instantly access specific songs or albums through your computer. Although you need a wired Internet connection right now, coders are working on an application for the iPhone, Google's Android platform and Wi-Fi. Spotify is free for the moment, but that might change once it's out of beta.

We7 is a U.K. service that does much the same thing with the complete blessing of the major labels. Part of its business model involves running ads that they called "blipverts" before songs.

In both cases, the consumer doesn't have to pay for anything. The value for the music streaming company and their label partners comes from the data they capture from you. By registering with these services, companies know who you are, what you're listening to and what kind of device you're using. Theoretically, this allows them to better target you with music recommendations. It also means better targeting for advertisers, but most people don't mind being subjected to ads as long as they're for goods and services in which they might be interested.

The thinking here is twofold: The music "feels" free to the consumer. It's like having the world's biggest hard drive full of music without having to pay for anything — or without it taking up space on the shelf or the hard drive. Second, if you can get all the music you want, it should cut down on piracy.

Will it work? Maybe. We'll see. The digital world is littered with good ideas.

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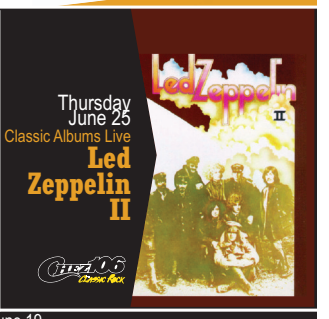

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Small screen to big screen

Derek Hough could be adding movie star to his resume. The Dancing With the Stars pro confirms that he could be waltzing into the upcoming Footloose remake. "I haven't auditioned, but I've met with the people," Hough said. **EONLINE.COM**

Television

Leo-nominated actor Benjamin Arthur from TV's Less Than Kind.

TV persona parallels actor

Less Than Kind's Benjamin Arthur is up for a Leo Award for his role as Josh

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Actor Benjamin Arthur says there's a lot of himself in his Josh Blecher character on TV's Less Than Kind.

Which is a surprise. Though they are both actors, Josh is also a conceited bully/exhibitionist with little ambition who takes great delight in torturing his younger brother.

"I'm in there, absolutely," says Arthur, 28, whose Less Than Kind role has been nominated for a Leo Award.

"I was preparing for the part for 28 years. But I'm a 'one' normally. And you need to turn the dial up to 10 to play Josh."

Now filming its second season, Less Than Kind is a dark comedy about a dysfunctional Winnipeg family and its perpetually embarrassed teen son Sheldon (Jesse Camacho).

It's Sheldon's poor luck in life to be stuck with a self-destructive criminal dad (Maury Chaykin), and pyromaniac mom (Wendel Meldrum). Then there's brother Josh, whose idea of high comedy is to shake his "junk" in Sheldon's face (which he does in Arthur's Leo-nominated episode).

> **"I was preparing for the part for 28 years. But I'm a 'one' normally. And you need to turn the dial up to 10 to play Josh."**
> Actor Benjamin Arthur, Less than Kind

"Josh runs completely off of bravado and ego. He's pure manic energy," says Arthur.

The actor admits he needed some of that excess energy to stay warm during the making of the first season of Less Than Kind, which was shot in the dead of winter in Winnipeg.

"Last season was ridiculous. I mean, I lived in Kitimat (B.C.), so I'm used to cold. But this was like minus 52 C. You had 55 seconds of shooting before you have to stop or your skin freezes. And I'm there dressed in my torn Josh jeans and V-neck T-shirt."

Arthur says his nomination for a Leo Award — given to the best in British Columbian film and television — is a big deal to a guy from Kitimat, though a little bit weird.

"It's for Best Supporting Actor In A Dramatic Series. But I'm in a comedy. So I'm up against actors in serious shows like The Guard. I can see them announcing my nomination by running a clip of me shaking it naked."

• The Leo Awards will be presented this weekend in Vancouver. Reruns of the first season of Less Than Kind air on City TV. Check local listings for times and channels.

FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/8/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Feast Bazaar	Feast Bazaar	Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Entertainment	Prison Break (N)		(9:01) **Dollhouse** (N)		**NUMB3RS** (HDTV) (N)		News
	209	342	6	CHRO	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	**Medium** Allison leaves the district attorney's office. (N)				Whistler (DVS)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	**Ghost Whisperer** (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		Spectacle: Elivs		News
	208	303	8	CBC	**NHL Hockey:** Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 4 -- Capitals at Penguins						CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Dateline NBC				News (N)
	-	362	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N)		**Ghost Whisperer** (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		**NUMB3RS** (HDTV) (N)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14	OMN2	Small Places, Small Homes		News (N)		News (N)		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (DVS)		Departures		Out There	Out There	News
	218	345	18	E!	The Insider	E! News	THS Investigates				20/20 (HDTV)		News
	-	361	20	ABC	News	Entertainment	*Happy Feet* ★★★ (2006, Adventure), Brittany Murphy				20/20 (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Prison Break (N)		(9:01) **Dollhouse** (N)		News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27	net	**MLB Baseball** Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						**MLB Baseball:** Blue Jays at Athletics		
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	That's Hockey	**NHL Hockey:** Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 4 -- Bruins at Hurricanes					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	*Batman & Robin* ★ (1997, Action), George Clooney			
	557	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	*Sally Marshall Is Not an Alien* ★★ (2000)			(9:06) *Dennis the Menace* (1993)			(10:42) *Madeline*	
	551	542	65	YTV	*Spectacular!* (2009, Drama) Nolan Gerard Funk.				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Driven"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		Criminal
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	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		The Best Years (DVS)		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Heli-Loggers (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman		Forensic Factor (N)		Daily Planet
	581	566	53	MTV	4REAL	After Show	Canada's Next Top Model		College Life	Beatdown	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS "Bury Your Dead"		Jurassic Fight Club		Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truckers		Marine Mach.
	603	561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Thirsty	Thirsty	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

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5/8/09 primetime	265	353	2	TVO	Quest for the Megafish		*Brazil* ★★★ (1985, Fantasy) Jonathan Pryce, Robert De Niro.					Interviews (N)	*Adventures*
	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Masterminds	Currents: Breaking Ranks		Doc "The Great Wall"		Doc		News
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Hidden Agenda* ★★ (2001, Suspense), Maxim Roy				Comedy Now (DVS)		Arts & Minds
	196	311	7	CTV	W-FIVE (DVS)		Law & Order: SVU		Southland (HDTV)		Law & Order "Bailout"		News
	208	303	8	CBC	**NHL Hockey:** Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 5 -- Penguins at Capitals						Hockey Night	NHL Hockey: Conf. Semifinal	
	-	360	9	NBC	Easter Seals	Wheel-Fortune	Law & Order: SVU		Southland (HDTV)		Law & Order "Bailout"		News (N)
	-	362	13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Harper's Island (N)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	*One Foot Off the Ground* ★★★ (2006, Comedy-Drama)				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
	214	344	15	CITY	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries		*Lost and Delirious* ★★★ (2001, Drama) (DVS)				News
	218	345	18	E!	Out There	E News	FANatical	Family	*A Trick of the Mind* (2006, Suspense) Paul Johansson.				News
	-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		**NBA Basketball:** Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Cavaliers at Hawks						News
	-	365	36	FOX	**NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup -- Southern 500. (HDTV) From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. (Live)								
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
sports	406	417	27	net	Sportsnet	**MLB Baseball** New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles.					Poker		Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	Humanima	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tout	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	**NASCAR Racing** Sprint Cup -- Southern 500. (HDTV) From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. (Live)								
family	554	544	48	TEL	*Dennis the Menace Strikes Again* ★★			Planet Sketch	Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	557	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Miracle* ★★★ (2004, Drama) Kurt Russell.				*Superman III*
	551	542	65	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
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	616	521	39	SHO	Mutant X		*Love Notes* (2007, Drama) Laura Leighton.				*Ghost Rider* ★★ (2007, Action)		
	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Time Warp	Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Guinea Pig
	581	566	53	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs
	522	506	55	HIS	NCIS "Iceman"		Crime Stories		*The Green Mile* ★★★ (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.				
	603	561	95	FN	Work for Food	Glutton	Ramsay's Kitchen		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Kitchen Nightmares		The F Word

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	211	331	3	GTV	Sit Down	Bob & Doug	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	(10:01) **Brothers & Sisters**		News
	209	342	6	CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (N)		Medium (N)		Look-A-Like
	196	311	7	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Amazing Race 14		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) The Mentalist (N)		News
	208	303	8	CBC	Geologic Journey		*Shania: A Life in Eight Albums* (2005, Docudrama)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		fifth estate
	-	360	9	NBC	Dateline NBC		The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Finale) (Live)						News (N)
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		Cold Case (N)		The Unit (N)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Hong Kong Express		Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word	Trendy Zone	Tongues: History Language		Of Blessings
	214	344	15	CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Friends	Friends	Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (HDTV) (DVS)		News
	218	345	18	E!	Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Finale) (Live)						News
	-	361	20	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	-	365	36	FOX	Sit Down	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)		Sportsworks
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Shania takes Hello! beauty crown

In its innaugral "most beautiful" ranking, Hello! Canada has honoured country singer Shania Twain with the title of Canada's Most Beautiful Woman.

"Pop-country singing sensation Shania Twain, 43, is self-effacing when it comes to her undeniable beauty," says the magazine.

"'I don't think I'm ugly, I just think I'm overrated on the cutie factor,' she says. But for the stunner, who has been the face of the cosmetic giant Revlon, feeling good is the key to looking great. 'I like to feel like a woman,' she says. 'I feel sexy in a plain white T-shirt with nothing underneath.'"

Shania Twain.

On newsstands now, the new issue of the magazine pays tribute to the most beautiful the country has to offer — including TV and movie stars, politicians, royalty, musicians and athletes.

Some other Canadians who made Hello's Most Beautiful list include Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Kiefer Sutherland, Kim Cattrall, Evangeline Lilly, The Four Tenors, and 90210 stars Shenae Grimes, Jessica Lowdes, Dustin Milligan and Jason Priestley.

• For more, pick up Hello!'s 50 Most Beautiful Canadians, on newsstands now. hellomagazine.com

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Hello! Canada is now on newsstands. For more information, visit **hellomagazine.ca**

Hargitay optimistic
While ongoing contract negotiations continue to leave the fate her Law & Order: SVU role in question, Mariska Hargitay is optimistic. "I hope so," she told Access Hollywood, when asked if she'll be returning as the NBC cop drama's Olivia Benson. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

Pool (No Water)
When: Friday through May 16
Where: The Irving Greenberg Theatre Centre

Christopher Bedford directs Evolution Theatre's presentation of this gripping and provocative play about a group of friends present during the horrific accident of a fellow artist. Tickets are $20-$25. Call 613-236-5196 for showtimes and to reserve.

Ember Swift
When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: Blacksheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr., Wakefield

Canadian folk rocker Ember Swift returns home after a year in Beijing, with an album's worth of new material put together in her latest CD Lentic. Tickets $12 through ticketweb.ca.

King Khan and the Shrines
When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: Babylon Nightclub, 317 Bank St.

Montreal-based King Khan and dynamic 10-piece band The Shrines heat up the weekend with special guest Mark Sultan. Tickets $12 in advance through ticketweb.ca.

The Changeling
When: Friday through May 16
Where: Studio, National Arts Centre

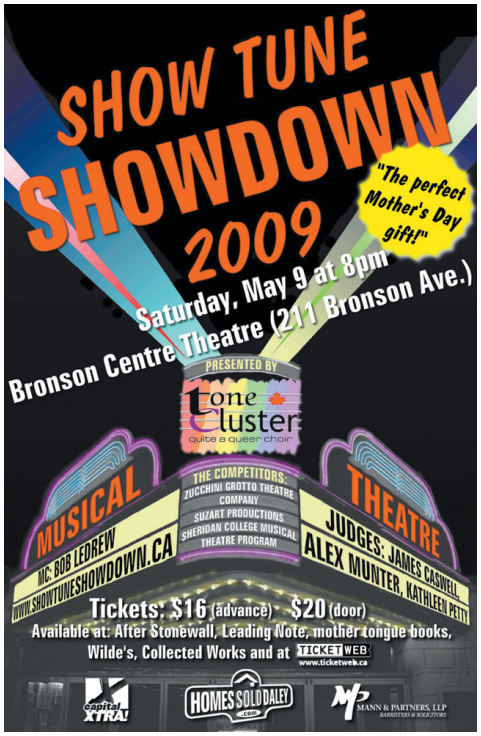
The beloved Swedish children's story comes to stage in a family friendly production directed by Peter Hinton. Tickets through the NAC box office or online at ticketmaster.ca.

Rik Emmett Plays Clapton
When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Centrepointe Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Dr.

The famed guitarist pays tribute to the legendary Eric Clapton in this special show. Tickets $45-$55 through the theatre website at centrepointetheatre.com.

Mother's Day BBQ with the Bands
When: Sunday, 3-11 p.m.
Where: Greenfield's Pub, 900 Greenbank Rd.

A benefit concert for the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride and Jacob Randell's Journey featuring music from Tara Holloway, Ty Hall, Robert Farrell and more. Raffle and a silent auction. Tickets $15 at the door.



Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Star Trek
FILM The latest reboot of the beloved franchise boldly goes where no Star Trek has gone before — the territory of young, Hollywood cool. Trekkies will probably hate the Gen Y avatars of Kirk and Spock (played by Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto respectively) but the J.J. Abrams-directed version may well ensure that the sci-fi classic lives and prospers for generations to come.

2 Bernard Lachance
ARTIST You could call him Paul Potts (or Susan Boyle, if you will) a la Quebec. The struggling Canadian singer posted a YouTube video asking Oprah Winfrey and her friend, Gayle King, to attend one of his concerts. Impressed by the online invitation, Winfrey asked Lachance to record a song (The Impossible Dream in both English and French) for her show. The performance, which aired Tuesday night, brought tears to many eyes.

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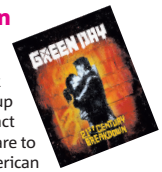
3 21st Century Breakdown
ALBUM The grand gesture is alive and well. For their latest album (due next Friday), California punk rockers Green Day have cranked up their operatic ambitions to 11 with a three-act storyline and '70s bombast. If early reports are to be believed, Breakdown's poised to top American Idiot, the band's previous album, in both sales and acclaim.



4 Billy Elliot
MUSICAL The stage adaptation of the Oscar-nominated British film about a coal miner's son who dreams of being a dancer bagged 15 Tony nominations this week. Canadians can be proud — Montreal-born David Alvarez, 14, is one of three rotating stars who play the musical's title role.

5 1,000 Awesome Things
BLOG This bouyant website (1000awesomethings.com) run by Toronto's Neil Parischa has created so much buzz that New York publisher William Morris Agency wants to turn the postings into a book. This week, the 29-year-old human resources worker also won a Webby award for best personal/cultural blog.

6 Ben Southall
PEOPLE For the next six months, this British charity worker will get paid top dollars just to sit back, relax and blog about an Australian beach paradise. The 34-year-old was selected for the much-touted "best job in the world."

7 The Big Bang Theory
SHOW The geeks shall inherit the earth or, in this case, save the sitcom. The modest show about a group of nerdy physicists and their girl-next-door has been picked up for two more seasons.

Talkshow shmalkshow: Fox

Fox is dropping out of the Talkshow business — at least its current one. The network has opted not to renew its Saturday chatfest Talkshow with Spike Feresten for a fourth season, Broadcasting & Cable reports. TVGUIDE.COM

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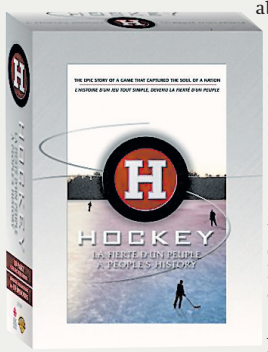
InDepth

Hockey:

Talk of a possible seventh NHL team coming to Canada this week — with co-CEO of Research In Motion's Jim Balsillie wanting to bring the Phoenix Coyotes to Ontario — likely had a few people reminiscing about Canada's storied game. Here's a primer on Canada and hockey:

• A few year's ago, CBC Television unveiled its 10-part documentary series Hockey: A People's History, chronicling all the slapshots and fouls from the game's history. Visit cbc.ca/hockeyhistory for more details. There is also Guy Madden's award-winning My Winnipeg, which includes a chapter on the Winnipeg Jets' history in the Manitoban capital.

• For a lighter hockey experience, rent the classic Paul Newman movie Slap Shot, Rob Lowe's 1986 Youngblood — about a young player trying to get the attention of hockey scouts — or Luck, about a down-on-his-luck Canadian who takes to gambling during the Canada-Russia hockey series in 1972. The series is also highlighted in the two-part CBC mini-series called Canada Russia 72.



• Musically, The Tragically Hip's song Fireworks also touches on the '72 series and the eruption that took place after Paul Henderson's "goal that everyone remembers." And no hockey list would be complete without Stompin' Tom's The Hockey Song.

• Roch Carrier's children's book The Hockey Sweater is a classic of Canadian literature, and it's National Film Board cartoon-version has been seen by kids and adults for decades. Only a story about hockey could double as an allegory for French-English relations.

• Hockey in art? You bet. Graeme Patterson, a 2009 Sobey Art Award finalist, has used hockey in a number of his sculptures. They including Hockey Organ — a souped-up rod-hockey game where instead of pulling rods to make the players move, you press organ keys, which in turn play music — and Ten Point Game — a sculptural/video installation highlighting Darryl Sittler's 10 point game in 1976. Visit graemepatterson.com

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Susan Boyle a top viral video talent

ONLINE British singing sensation Susan Boyle, who became an overnight star with her surprising performance on a British talent show, has made the Top 5 in a list of the most watched viral videos of all-time.

Visible Measures, which measures the use of online videos across more than 150 video-sharing sites, has compiled a list called the "100 Million Views Club."

Topping the list is a music video by rapper Soulja Boy of Crank That, which recorded 356 million hits, followed by a trailer for the vampire movie Twilight with 267 million clicks.

In third and four places, with 230 million and 197 million views respectively, came Mariah Carey's Touch My Body music video and a user generated video by American ventriloquist and stand-up comedian Jeff Dunham called Achmed the Dead Terrorist.

Boyle, who performed on Britain's Got Talent, was in fifth place with 186 million views. REUTERS

IN PERSON

Christopher Plummer

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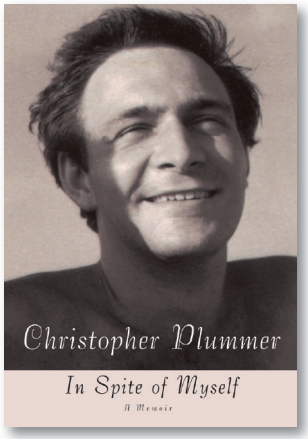

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Stick figures sticking around

It turns out that those reports about the Beckhams moving to Milan were false. Victoria tells Entertainment Tonight that the family is staying put in Los Angeles. "The rumors aren't true. We aren't moving," she says. METRO WORLD NEWS

Entertainment

From Guns to Revolver, Duff still going strong

Duff McKagan is a good advertisement for the benefits of drug rehab.

Trim and toned, with a full head of blond hair and a perfectly alert brain somewhere underneath, the former Guns N' Roses bass player is lucky that he made it to 45.

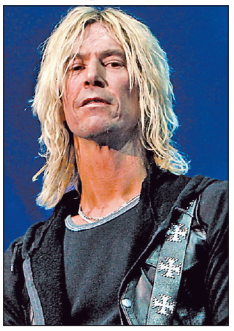
In the early 1990s, when Guns N' Roses were arguably the biggest rock group in the world, McKagan participated in the requisite debauchery with his hell-raising bandmates. There are lots of good stories, but he can't remember many of them.

"I've heard great stories of (stuff) I've done, told by some pretty fascinating people," he said in a recent interview with Reuters. "(Queen guitarist) Brian May (said), 'Hey man remember that time?' Elton John told me this great story."

As the band's punk-rock spirit, McKagan bore an eerie resemblance to Sid Vicious, the former Sex Pistol who died of a heroin overdose in 1979. It looked as if McKagan might go the same way, especially after his pancreas exploded in 1994. But McKagan cleaned up his act, and quit the crumbling band a few years later, eventually seeking a third shot at rock 'n' roll glory.

After Guns N' Roses imploded he formed a new band with fellow Guns survivors Slash and Matt Sorum. Velvet Revolver's debut album sold millions and won a Grammy. The follow-up was less successful, and the band fired vocalist Scott Weiland a year ago amid long-simmering tensions.

With Velvet Revolver on hiatus, McKagan has teamed up with three little-known musicians from his Seattle hometown to resurrect his side project, modestly dubbed Duff McKagan's Loaded. The band is now touring clubs to promote its new album Sick (Century Media Records).



Duff McKagan

McKagan has swapped his bass for a guitar, and takes on the lead vocals. During Guns N' Roses concerts, he would often perform an old punk song for the masses, and he sings a wistful tribute to dead punk rocker Johnny Thunders on their 1991 double album Use Your Illusion.

With its aggressive riffs, Sick inevitably bears some Guns residue, as well as traces of McKagan's punk-rock heroes like Iggy Pop. The lyrics seem to fall into two camps: Either he loves you or hates you.

Before anyone asks, McKagan assures that none of the venomous songs are directed either at Axl Rose, the sole original member left in Guns N' Roses, or at Weiland.

"I am a grown-up, sort of. I'm not that vitriolic. When they (bad things) happen I try to deal with them as they happen, and exorcise that demon as it goes." REUTERS

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Tough going on the Gosselin home front

Jon Gosselin of Jon and Kate Plus Eight admits he's going through a tough time at home right now, but tells fans he's been faithful to his wife. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," he said in a statement. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

'I won't know this world without her'

TRUE LOVE In an exclusive interview with People, an emotional and often teary-eyed Ryan O'Neal spoke for the first time about the devastating illness of his longtime partner, Farrah Fawcett, who has battled cancer for the past two and a half years.

"It's a love story. I just don't know how to play this one. I won't know this world without her," O'Neal, 68, says of his current role as caretaker. "Cancer is an insidious enemy."

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O'Neal also revealed for the first time how the anal cancer long ago spread to other parts of Fawcett's body, including her liver.

"She stays in bed now. The doctors see that she is comfortable. Farrah is on IVs, but some of that is for nourishment," he explains. "The treatment has pretty much ended."

Fawcett, 62, herself tells of her journey through illness in Farrah's Story a two-hour NBC documentary she shot with pal Alana Stewart that airs May 15.

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Sarah Jessica's wild surrogate

IS THAT HEREDITARY? Michelle Ross, the woman reportedly serving as a surrogate mother for Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker, has a bit of a wild past, according to Star magazine.

Her ex-husband, Joe Erker, tells the magazine that Ross is bisexual — and even has a tattoo on her wrist proclaiming it.

Ross herself even admitted that she has a bit of wild side. "I have had pink hair and tattoos and spiked collars," Ross tells the magazine. "My favourite shoes are five-inch black spike heels, which lace up the front."

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Legal loophole for Chris?

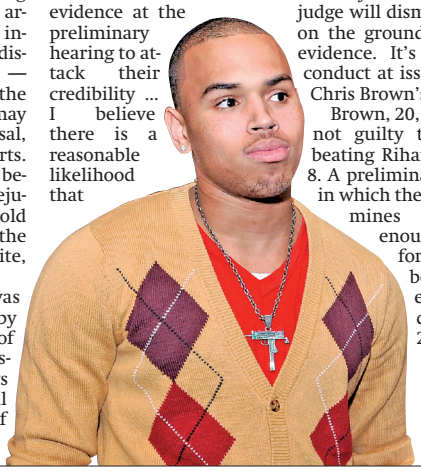
LEGAL EAGLE Chris Brown's legal team is on the move, people.com reports.

The singer's lawyer, Mark Geragos, filed a request in a Los Angeles court Wednesday seeking access to LAPD records, arguing that Rihanna's injury photo — widely distributed on the Web — was "illegally leaked to the media" by police and may result in a case dismissal, radaronline.com reports.

"I am informed and believe that this highly prejudicial photograph was sold by an LAPD officer to the entertainment website, TMZ," Geragos states.

"The photograph was immediately viewed by hundreds of thousands of viewers and was displayed on every news channel for several weeks ... The purpose of the leak was necessarily for profit and to vilify Mr. Brown and poison the potential jury pool."

Geragos adds that if LAPD records show "dishonest conduct" by its officers, "I intend to use such evidence at the preliminary hearing to attack their credibility ... I believe there is a reasonable likelihood that the case will be dismissed at the preliminary hearing."



L.A. criminal defence attorney Jeffery Rubenstein, who's not involved in the case, says, "It's unlikely the judge will dismiss the case on the grounds of leaked evidence. It's not police conduct at issue here, it's Chris Brown's."

Brown, 20, has pleaded not guilty to allegedly beating Rihanna on Feb. 8. A preliminary hearing, in which the court determines if there's enough evidence for trial, is to begin within eight court days of May 28.

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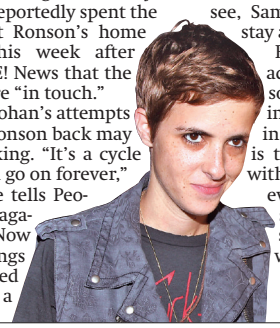
Heart yes, mind no: Sam

INDECISION Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson may be reconciling, sources say. Lohan reportedly spent the night at Ronson's home early this week after telling E! News that the two were "in touch."

And Lohan's attempts to get Ronson back may be working. "It's a cycle that can go on forever," a source tells People magazine. "Now that things have died down a little and Lindsay is behaving herself and showing Sam what she wants to see, Sam's strength to stay away eases up."



But the source adds that Ronson is still resisting. "Sam knows in her head, life is truly better off without Lindsay — even if her heart sometimes says otherwise."

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Dan's new drag queen BFF

UNLIKELY PAIR Daniel Radcliffe has befriended a drag queen, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Harry Potter star has been spotted enjoying several dinners with Our Lady J, a transvestite Dolly Parton impersonator he met in New York last year.

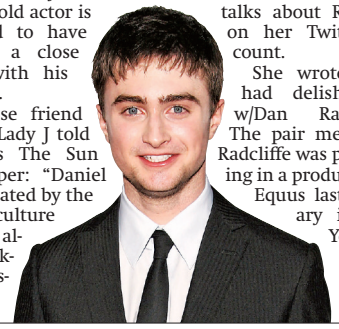
The pair was photographed walking arm-in-arm on Sunday, and the 19-year-old actor is believed to have formed a close bond with his new pal.

A close friend of Our Lady J told Britain's The Sun newspaper: "Daniel is fascinated by the drag culture and is always asking questions. He went to a few shows and was made to feel very welcome.

"He's a lovely guy and he and Our Lady J got on like a house on fire. They have eaten out together and been to parties. They have become quite close."

Our Lady J — who makes a living performing songs by Dolly, Alanis Morissette and Nine Inch Nails — talks about Radcliffe on her Twitter account.

She wrote: "Just had delish meal w/Dan Radcliffe." The pair met when Radcliffe was performing in a production of Equus last February in New York.



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Head-butting may have California consequences

PROBATION PROBLEM Kiefer Sutherland was charged with assault after he allegedly head-butted a man at a party in New York on Tuesday, but authorities in Los Angeles may come down harder on him, according to people.com.

Sutherland, who's currently serving a five-year probation term in Los Angeles for his second DUI conviction, may have violated those terms, which clearly state the actor must "obey all laws."

Sutherland — who surrendered to police yesterday, according to local news reports — allegedly came to the defence of actress Brooke Shields after Jack McCollough reportedly bumped into Shields.

"Our office intends to contact the NYPD and New York prosecutors to review the incident and determine whether Mr. Sutherland violated probation," L.A. City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan tells People.

A probation violation often means a return to jail. Sutherland previously spent 48 days in jail for his second DUI conviction.

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MJ sued by own spokeswoman

SOME LOYALTY Michael Jackson is facing more legal trouble, this time from within his own camp. His spokesperson Raymone Bain is suing him $44 million owed for her work, according to Hollyscoop. "Mr. Jackson has elected not to honour the financial obligations of our contractual relationship, despite my numerous attempts to amicably resolve this matter," Bain said.

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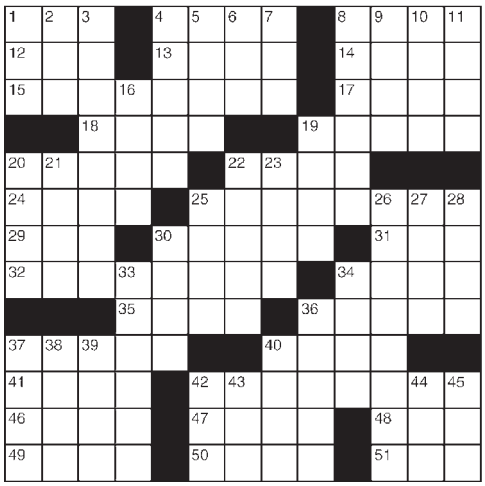

Crossword across

1 Volcano output
4 One of the Three Bears
8 Slaughter of baseball lore
12 Story of a lifetime?
13 Scratches (out)
14 Anger
15 In the attic, maybe
17 Anger
18 At bat, so to speak
19 Seraglio group
20 Thick chunks
22 Be patient
24 Senate employee
25 Pirates
29 Luau musicmaker
30 Conficker et al.
31 Extinct bird
32 Gives up hope
34 Urban pall
35 Pre-swan
36 "All in the Family" spin-off
37 Shackles a perp
40 Have coming
41 "Yeah, right!"
42 Runs a meeting with someone else
46 Gilpin of "Frasier"
47 Initial stake
48 Menagerie
49 Paradise
50 Indigent
51 Grown-up elver

Crossword down

1 Dhabi preceder
2 Try the tea
3 Abductees
4 Bosc and Bartlett
5 Related
6 Apiece
7 Fool
8 Proofreader's finds
9 Depilatory brand
10 Eyeball
11 Appear
16 Brits' subway
19 Greet the villain
20 Tater
21 Baikal, for one
22 Fret
23 Weaponry
25 Form rings
26 Vaccinate
27 Crucifix
28 Parsley partner?
30 Witty ones
33 Short-necked seabird
34 Poet Teasdale
36 "Real Time With Bill —"
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3.8-oz (110-g) bottle or package hamburger seasoning mix
1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato sauce
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1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil

TO SERVE:

Tomato sauce

METHOD:

1. Put meat, hamburger seasoning, Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce and salt and freshly ground black pepper into bowl. Knead mixture until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand 5–10 minutes.
2. Divide mixture into four; shape each portion into flat patty. Using thumb, make deep hole in centre of each patty, taking care not to push all the way through.
3. Place a quarter of cheese into centre of each patty, then mould meat over to cover cheese. If necessary, press flat.
4. Heat oil in large frying pan. Add patties and cook over moderate heat until cooked through, 5–7 minutes per side. Serve with tomato sauce.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Don't take a man's stupid statement personally. It is possible to defeat your own purpose. There's a pattern within chaos.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A girl can help with a romance. Rest assured that something will work out well. Give someone the right idea.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A grovelling person is hampered by fear. Decide where to go at the last minute. A late night chat will fix a threatened project.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Refuse to accept a controversial decision. A merry visitor gives you second thoughts. Pay attention to exceptional dreams.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A miserable woman accuses others of being superficial. Be open enough to spend time hanging out. A sensitive man gives in after a standoff.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
An irrelevant lecture can be avoided. Comfort the lonely and lay on the compliments. A mature friend treats you to a thrilling surprise.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be merciful toward an awkward guy. A secret dialogue will make matters worse. Trivial chitchat is inadequate for your needs.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Delightful expectations will make you too excited. Annoying people should be avoided. Ask yourself who will come to your rescue.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Take stock before making a decision. Joyous events create closure in a troubling issue. Take it easy when you're self-conscious.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
An obnoxious idiot comes charging in. Vengeance can't mend a broken heart. Be discreet about a previous decision.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A reliable friend will reveal surprising info. Wild passion overwhelms a discussion. Remembering a recent encounter is counter-productive.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A tongue-lashing leads to an uncomfortable scene. Use self-control with an indignant woman. It's not a good idea to start a new venture.

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